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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Assistant Commissioner For Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

June 28, 2000

Dear Sir:

This paper is responsive to the office action mailed June 5, 2000 in the captioned application.

AMENDMENTS

In the Drawings

A proposed amendment to Figure 2 is shown in red on the enclosed copy of that Figure.

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In the Claims

Amend the claims as follows.

Cancel claims 16-30 and 43-48.

34. (Amended) The method of claim 33 wherein the guide surface defines an entry aperture that is larger than the through-bore of the external component and converges to a gate aperture that is not larger than the through-bore of the external component, the gate aperture facing and being aligned with the through-bore, the method comprising aligning the internal component with the entry aperture and advancing the internal component towards the external component so that the internal component passes through the entry aperture, into contact with the guide surface and then through the [exit] gate aperture and into the bore.

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